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Title: MODIFIED SPRING SYSTEM END CAP  
FOR PACKAGING FRAGILE ARTICLES  
WITHIN SHIPPING CARTONS

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Title

Modified spring system end cap for packaging fragile articles within shipping cartons

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